

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM  
DECEMBER 8, 2011**

A. **Call to Order**

Mr. Winfred Sibille called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System in Room 100, the "Louisiana Purchase Room," Claiborne Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 2:04 p.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Paul Aucoin	Mr. Jimmy Long, Sr.
Mr. Edward Crawford III	Mr. Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Jr.
Mr. Jimmy Faircloth	Mr. Russell Mosely
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert	Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Mr. John LeTard	Mr. Winfred Sibille
Mr. John Lombardo	

**ABSENT**

Mr. Andre Coudrain	Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie
Mr. David Guidry	Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Louis Lambert	

Also present for the meeting were the following: System President Randy Moffett, System staff, administrators and faculty representatives from System campuses, Attorney Linda Clark, interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Parker gave the invocation.

D. **Approval of October 27, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Upon motion of Mr. LeTard, seconded by Mr. Faircloth, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the October 27, 2011 Board Meeting.

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Upon motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board unanimously voted to suspend the rules in order to dispense with Committee deliberations and allow the Board as a whole to consider all items of business.

E. **Academic and Student Affairs**

- E.1. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a Proposal for a Master of Science degree program in Homeland Security.

Upon motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Mosely, the Board unanimously voted to approve the adoption of the following resolution.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval of a Proposal for a Master of Science degree program in Homeland Security.*

- E.2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a Master of Science degree program in Kinesiology.

Upon motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to approve the adoption of the following resolution.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a Master of Science degree program in Kinesiology.*

- E.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a Master of Science degree program in Systems Technology.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Hebert, the Board unanimously voted to approve the adoption of the following resolution.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a Master of Science degree program in Systems Technology.*

F. **Athletic**

- F.1. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of the employment agreement with Mr. Scott A. Farmer as Athletic Director for the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2014.

Upon motion of Mr. LeTard, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board unanimously voted to approve the adoption of the following resolution.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of the employment agreement with Mr. Scott A. Farmer as Athletic Director for the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2014.*

- F.2. University of Louisiana System's report of significant athletic activities for the period of October 15 to November 22, 2011.

No action was required by the Board as it was a report only.

G. **Facilities Planning and Finance**

- G.1. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to enter into a ground lease with the Lion Athletics Association, Inc. to install artificial turf in Strawberry Stadium and request permission to accept donations from the Association for improvements to the facility upon completion of the installation.

Upon motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Aucoin, the Board unanimously voted to approve the adoption of the following resolution.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request to enter into a lease agreement with Lion Athletics Association, Inc. to install artificial turf in Strawberry Stadium and request permission to accept donations from the Association for improvements to the facility upon completion of the installation.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the President of Southeastern Louisiana University is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of Southeastern Louisiana University.

***AND FURTHER***, that Southeastern Louisiana University will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

- G.2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to establish an online RN to BSN degree, utilizing a contract price format.

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Faircloth, the Board unanimously voted to approve the adoption of the following resolution.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to establish an online RN to BSN degree, utilizing a contract price format.

- G.3. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2011-12 first quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

No action was required as this was a report only.

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Mr. Robbie Robinson, Vice President for Business and Finance, reported that Grambling State University's exit conference had been scheduled for the following week. He commended

President Frank Pogue and Chief Financial Officer Leon Sanders for continuing to work on eliminating previous audit findings.

## H. Personnel

### H.1. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Lawrence W. Howell as Executive Vice President, effective December 8, 2011.

Upon motion of Mr. Lombardo, seconded by Mr. Aucoin, the Board unanimously voted to approve the adoption of the following resolution.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request to appoint Mr. Lawrence W. Howell as Executive Vice President, effective December 8, 2011.*

Mr. Howell was present at the meeting and thanked President Stephen Hulbert for his support and the Board for approving the appointment.

### H.2. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. John C. Fischetti as Dean of the College of Education and Human Development, effective January 3, 2012.

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board unanimously voted to approve the adoption of the following resolution.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. John C. Fischetti as Dean of the College of Education and Human Development, effective January 3, 2012.*

Dr. Tammy Bourg, Southeastern Louisiana University Provost, reported that Dr. Fischetti was unable to attend the meeting but would be introduced at a future meeting.

## I. System President's Business

### I.1. Personnel Actions

Dr. Randy Moffett, System President, reported that System staff reviewed the personnel actions, and staff recommends approval.

*Upon motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Faircloth, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions.*

I.2. System President's Report

*Campus Collaborations*

Dr. Moffett complimented System institutions for a variety of collaborative efforts among other universities, including one international and one intrastate agreement. Some examples are the following:

- **Louisiana Tech University** – South Arkansas Community College
- **Nicholls State University** – Fletcher Technical Community College
- **Northwestern State University** – Beihang University (China)
- **Southeastern Louisiana University & University of Louisiana at Lafayette** - DNP Program
- **University of Louisiana at Monroe** – LSU Ag
- **University of Louisiana at Monroe** – Pennington Research Center

*University of New Orleans*

Dr. Moffett officially welcomed the University of New Orleans (UNO) to the University of Louisiana System. He reported that the transfer had been approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC) at its December meetings.

He especially commended Dr. Beatrice Baldwin, System Vice President for Research and Performance Assessment, and Dr. Susan Krantz, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts (UNO), for their extensive work on the report to SACS. Dr. Joe King, Interim Chancellor at UNO, and Dr. John Lombardi, LSU System Head, and staff also played large roles in the transition.

Dr. Moffett complimented Speaker Jim Tucker and Senator Conrad Appel for authoring the Bill that brought about the move from the LSU System to the UL System. He recognized Senator Appel, who was present in the auditorium. Senator Appel stated his confidence that UNO would flourish under the leadership of the University of Louisiana System.

Dr. Joe King also thanked the University of Louisiana System for its welcoming attitude.

*Seal of UNO*

Dr. Moffett indicated that, since UNO has become part of the UL System, its logo has been changed to contain the words “University of Louisiana System.” Pursuant to Board Rules, the logo must receive approval of the Board.

*Upon the motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Aucoin, the Board voted unanimously to approve UNO's new seal.*

### ***Transfer Resolution***

Upon motion of Mr. Mosely, seconded by Mr. LeTard, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of a resolution for the transfer of the University of New Orleans to the University of Louisiana System.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, acting within its full rights and responsibilities as established by its Bylaws, does hereby authorize the System President to initiate and implement plans related to:

- *Personnel actions*
- *Board Policy and Procedures*
- *Board Rules*
- *And other transition related issues impacting students, faculty, and staff*

***FURTHER***, the Board authorizes the President of the University of Louisiana System to provide approval of transition related issues and present these actions taken to the Board.

### ***UNO Presidential Search***

Dr. Moffett provided an update on the UNO Presidential Search. He informed everyone that the Search Committee had spent the last week interviewing four semi-finalists and selected Dr. Peter Fos and Dr. Michael Wartell for the Board's consideration. The finalists will be interviewed by the Board on Friday, December 9, during a special meeting.

### ***Sibille Thank You***

Dr. Moffett expressed that today's meeting was Mr. Sibille's final meeting as Board Chair. Dr. Moffett acknowledged him for serving admirably in this role for the past two years. He also said that Mr. Sibille has served on every standing committee of the Board as well as multiple Presidential Search Committees and represented the UL System on the recent Governance Commission. Dr. Moffett presented a plaque to Mr. Sibille and announced that the Board and UL System are donating approximately \$4,000 in Mr. Sibille's name to the student scholarship fund at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Mr. Sibille thanked Dr. Moffett for the honor and commended him for his leadership and support especially during his tenure as Chair.

## **J. Board Chair's Business**

### **J.1. Board Chair's Report**

#### ***Governance Commission***

Mr. Sibille said that the Governance Commission met on November 28 and November 29. He reported that the Governance Commission had recently met and developed twenty-one recommendations covering the higher education budget, articulation, tuition and financial aid,

and governance structure. Mr. Sibille indicated that a summary of the report was included in Board folders.

***Meeting Schedule for 2012***

Mr. Sibille advised Board members that a proposed 2012 Board Meeting Schedule was available in their folders. He reminded them that a change was being made from Thursday/Friday meetings to Monday/Tuesday meetings.

J.2. **Report of Nominating Committee**

Mr. Long, Chair, gave the report of the Nominating Committee.

*Upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Martin, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. D. Wayne Parker as Chair of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for 2012.*

*Upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Aucoin, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Russell L. Mosely as Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for 2012.*

Mr. Long indicated that the Nominating Committee had voted to recommend Mr. Paul Aucoin as Parliamentarian.

*Upon the motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Faircloth, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation and appointed Mr. Aucoin as Parliamentarian for the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for 2012.*

K. **Other Business**

Mr. Sibille reminded Board members of a special meeting being held the next morning at 9:00 a.m. to interview finalists and select the President of the University of New Orleans. He also stated that the first meeting in 2012 will be held in Baton Rouge on Friday, January 6, at which time the new officers will be installed.

Dr. Moffett welcomed Mr. LeTard and, as well, said that Mr. Shetler was expected to attend the meeting on Friday. On behalf of the Board and staff, Dr. Moffett offered sincere condolences to Mr. Mosely and his family on the recent death of his wife's grandmother.

L. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Lombardo, seconded by Mr. LeTard, the meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.